

Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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Communique 2017

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**Dike & New Hartford 2017-2018
Preschool & Kindergarten Registration
Begins January 20, 2017**

Registration has now begun for DNH Early childhood classes. If you have a child whom you would like to register for Preschool, PreK, or Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year, please do so now to get your child on the list. Attendance is on a first come, first served basis.

To register, you may stop in the Dike or New Hartford Elementary offices, call, or email. Please provide your **child's name, birthdate, address, phone number, email address, and the class you are registering for**. A packet of paperwork will be sent to you, or you may download or print the forms on our website to complete your child's registration.

For Dike classes, call 319-989-2487 and ask for Suzanne Perez, or email suzanne.perez@dnhcsd.org.

For New Hartford classes, call 319-983-2206, or email megan.steffen@dnhcsd.org.

All classes will be offered in both the Dike and New Hartford locations. Preschool students must be 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 15th. PreK students must be 5 years old on or before September 15th. Preschool forms are needed to plan for class configurations and teachers. Kindergarten students must also be 5 years old on or before September 15th. Kindergarten registration forms are needed to send out Kindergarten Round-up dates and times.

Currently Kindergarten Round-up dates are scheduled for April 7th (NH) and April 7th and 8th (Dike).



January 17th snow day will be made up on April 14th (good Friday). February 20th will be used to make-up November 9th (state volleyball). The remaining snow days will be made up at the end of the school year.

OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

The deadline for open enrollment applications is March 1 for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications must be sent to both the resident and receiving districts. Forms are available at the central administration office.

Low income families may qualify for transportation assistance. High school students lose 90 days of athletic eligibility if they open enroll.

Applications for students in kindergarten are exempt from the open enrollment March 1 deadline and will file in the same manner by September 1. Applications for "good cause" as defined by law for failing to meet the March 1 deadline may be submitted by September 1.



Calendar Updates

February 3 – no school

February 8 – early dismissal

February 20 – **there will be school**

February 22 – early dismissal

MUSIC UPDATES



The Mid-Winter Concert will be Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Students in 6-12 Band and 7-12 Vocal will perform!



New Hartford Elementary Spring Pictures are on Tuesday, March 21 and Dike Elementary are on Monday, March 27.



Driver Education Registration

If you are interested in your son or daughter taking driver education they may register. Registration forms and additional information can be found online through Mr. Bennett's website (Driver Education Link) or forms can be found in the high school and middle school offices. You may register your student for a future class if you know what session you would like them to be enrolled in. The cost is currently \$310 and changes prior to each summer session. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Bennett at 319-989-2485 or email daimien.bennett@dnhcsd.org.

After Prom Update

Thanks to everyone for supporting the fundraising efforts put on for this year's DNH After Prom to be held on Saturday, April 22nd. We've had great success with the different activities we've hosted, most recently with the meals at several home basketball games. It's been so nice to see everyone come out and join us for a warm meal before the game and support After Prom!

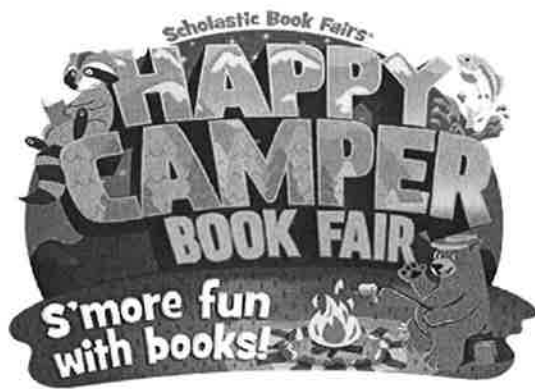
Recently the committee sent out letters to surrounding businesses asking for monetary or gift donations for After Prom and the response so far has been fantastic! Thank you to our community members for stepping up and supporting a safe and fun night for our kids. The students look forward to the gifts that are handed out at the end of the night! If you're interested in making a donation, there's still time to donate. Please contact Sarah Fails at [319-215-2353](tel:319-215-2353) for more information.

We still have DNH logo crew socks in small, medium, and large We are selling them for \$15 or 2 pair for \$25. Contact Denise Aalderks at [319-269-7941](tel:319-269-7941) or at aalderksd@gmail.com if you would like to purchase some.

Again, thanks for all your support of this year's DNH After Prom!

PROM 2017

To accommodate our Entertainment this year we will need to begin at 7:30. Students must be at Maucker Union by 7:15. The program will begin promptly at 7:30.



**FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**

Trisha Ames, Counselor

The next upcoming ACT test date will be April 8, 2017 and the deadline to register by is March 3, 2017 •

All juniors are encouraged to take the ACT on the April 8th, 2017 test date. The rationale for testing in April is that the ACT is based on junior level curriculum and April is the latest test date during the junior school year to take the test. • There is a June test date after the academic year has ended if the student wishes to test after school is no longer in session. The deadline for the June 10, 2017 test is May 5, 2017. To register for the ACT please pick up registration materials in the guidance office and register online at www.actstudent.org. • Dike-New Hartford's ACT test code # 161260.

Please join us in the Dike Elementary Library for our Scholastic Spring Book Fair beginning Tuesday, February 28 through Tuesday, March 7, open during school hours. We will be open late Conference Nights Thursday, March 2 and Monday, March 6 until 7:45 PM.

Your support of reading and our library is greatly appreciated!



Dollars for Scholars Applications:

Just a reminder all DFS applications are due March 22, 2017. All seniors were given information on how to access the DFS online application.

2016 - 2017 YEARBOOK SALES

Last chance to order your yearbook.

The cost will be \$50.00 orders must be placed and paid by April 15th.

There will be no extra yearbooks ordered this year. Only those yearbooks ordered and paid for will be available next year for pick-up.

To order a yearbook complete this form and mail back with payment to:

Checks Payable to DNH School

Dike-New Hartford High School
Attention: Lauren Petri
330 Main Street
Dike, IA 50624

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

You are Cordially invited to the:

**Daddy
Daughter
Dance**

Friday February 10th 6-8pm
at the Dike Memorial Building.

Admission is \$15 in advance for daddy/daughter couple,
\$5 extra for each additional daughter

Price includes corsage for dads to give their daughter(s) the night of the dance.

Admission will be sold at the door for \$20 a couple, corsages not guaranteed with purchasing tickets at the door night of the dance.

Please return this form with payment to school by February 4th

Pictures will be available for purchase

Concessions Available, provided by 3 year old Preschool program



*Dad's are welcome to come in casual or dress attire.

*Daughters are welcome to invite another adult if dad is unavailable for the dance.

*All preschool through 5th grade girls are invited to attend.

Couples name: _____

Additional daughters name(s) _____

\$5 for each additional daughter

Amount enclosed \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to DEPO



Online Parent-Teacher Conference Registration

Online registration will open **February 16th** for the **March 2nd & 6th PreK-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences**. In order to access this capability, log-on to our website (www.dnhcsd.org), and click the "Parent-Teacher Conference Links" link (a set of instructions will be available on this web page). Click the correct school (Dike Elementary, New Hartford Elementary, Junior High School, or High School), and enter your username and password.

Username = Parent's last name with first initial capitalized (e.g. Smith)

Password = Family Lunch ID (e.g. 123)

If you have difficulty logging into the program, please contact Jeremiah Lehr, Technology Coordinator. Phone: 989-2552 or E-mail: jeremiah.lehr@dnhcsd.org.

If you cannot schedule conferences online, call 989-2487 for Dike Elementary conferences, 983-2206 for New Hartford Elementary & Junior High conferences, or 989-2485 for High School conferences. If you forget to call in, please be aware that others have already scheduled timeslots. Schedules will be posted outside teacher's classrooms, so if you walk-in and haven't scheduled, write your name next to an available timeslot.

Dike & New Hartford Elementary Conferences - Parents, when registering online for elementary conferences, please remember to schedule a conference time with Title 1 Reading or Resource Room teachers if you have a child involved in either of these programs.

Junior High Conferences will be held in each teacher's individual classroom. Dinner breaks for teachers will be staggered throughout conference time.

Shared teachers will be available at the following dates and sites:

Thursday-March 2: (3:45-7:40)

At Dike –Smith, Bingman (available in DEMC)

At New Hartford – Cuvelier, Eiklenborg, Garwood, Reingardt (Elem), Timmerman

Monday-March 6: (3:45-7:40)

At Dike – Bingman (available in DEMC), Garwood, Timmerman

At New Hartford – Cuvelier, Benschoter, Eiklenborg (first half), Reingardt (JH), Slack, Smith



The Dike-New Hartford Junior High musical is Alice in Wonderland Jr. The show will be presented on March 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the DNH Auditorium. Admission is free for this event. We have over 60 junior high students involved and would love to fill our audience with family and friends. Come out to support the hard work and dedication of cast of Alice in Wonderland Jr.



It's hard to believe we are already into February of 2017. Winter activities will soon be coming to an end, and before we know it, we will be back outside enjoying warmer weather and outdoor events. I would like to wish all of our activity participants the best as they begin their quests for State competitions.

At this time of the year, we also see the State Legislature in action and they are considering several issues that could have huge impacts on school districts across the state. As normal, school funding is a main topic of conversation in Des Moines, but this year there are several other issues that are being raised for public schools. Some of which are; Educational Savings Accounts/Vouchers, the abolishment of the Department of Education, removal of the requirement that the state assessment must align with educational standards, elimination of the Iowa Core Curriculum, the extension of the Statewide Penny Sales Tax for schools, and Equitable Funding of schools.

Some of these items would be good for Dike-New Hartford and some may not be. As an example; the Equitable Funding of Schools bill would be good because currently not all schools are funded equally. A number of schools receive a higher per pupil allocation than others with some receiving as much as \$6,761 per student; at DNH we currently receive \$6,591. If you do the math on these numbers, there is a difference in per student funding of \$170. If you then multiply that number times our enrollment of about 890 students, you get a total of \$151,300. This is an annual allocation that we have been missing out on since the mid 70's when the current school funding laws came into effect. The bill would allow school districts to request a budget adjustment upward to the highest amount funded by reserve funds or cash reserve. This is a change that is well overdue for our schools.

An example of a bill that may not be in the best interest of DNH, would be the bill to remove the requirement that the state assessment must align with educational standards. It only makes sense to assess students on the things we are teaching them. Most everyone is likely to have heard the term Smarter Balance over the last few years. Smarter Balance was the assessment the State was moving toward to replace the current Iowa Assessment. Smarter Balance was to be aligned with the Iowa Core and would actually test our students over what they were being taught. There were some definite issues with this assessment; with the major one being the cost at about \$27 per student. After a few years of schools preparing to make the move to Smarter Balance, it has now been put on hold and most likely dropped. It is our understanding that there is not another test out there that aligns with the Iowa Core, and it will take a couple of years before one is ready to be used. If schools are going to continue to be scored, rated and judge based upon how students do on a single State Assessment, it is critical we have one that aligns with what we are required to teach.

I ask that you do some research over the educational bills that are being proposed in the legislature, and feel free to contact your local senator/s and representative/s for clarification and/or provide them with your feedback. I will be attending different legislative functions over the next couple of weeks where I hope to gain a better understanding of the educational bills.

As always, please feel free to give me a call at 989-2552 if you have any questions or comments about the information I have included.

Go Wolverines!

Dike-New Hartford Board of Education January 18th, 2017 Board Minutes

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on January 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the regular monthly meeting (rescheduled from January 16) with Hinde presiding and members Koop, Lotts and Nielsen. Lizer was absent. Also present were administrators Hunt, Laube, Lehr, Martinek and Textor.

Visitors present at the meeting included Waylon Bern and Suzanne Perez.

The December 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes were approved as written on motion of Nielsen and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

The agenda was approved as amended on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Oral and written reports of the principals and technology coordinator were reviewed with no action taken.

Lizer arrived at 4:15 p.m. and assumed the chair.

Early graduation requests were tabled until the February meeting.

The preliminary 2017-18 school calendar was reviewed with no action taken.

The Promise of Iowa Resolution of Support was not acted upon.

Discussion was held regarding the creation of an official district Facebook page which was approved on motion of Lotts and second of Hinde. Vote two ayes, three nays – motion failed. Hunt was asked to bring more information to a future meeting regarding who would maintain and update the Facebook account and examples of how it may work.

On motion of Lotts and second of Nielsen, the Board approved adding a Junior High Assistant Musical Position at 1.9% if needed based on numbers participating. Vote all aye.

On motion of Koop and second of Nielsen, the Superintendent was directed to affect staff reductions in areas of the PreK-12 program that bring 2017-18 costs within the resources available in compliance with the collective bargaining agreement. Vote all aye.

The bid of WBC Mechanical for \$50,231 to replace the steam boiler at the High School, including feed water tank and pot feeder, was approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

The track resurfacing bid of Midwest Tennis & Track Company for \$136,584 was approved on motion of Koop and second of Lotts, subject to an approximate \$9,000 reduction for concrete work. Vote all aye.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde, it was decided to seek bids for making the High School football/track bleachers ADA compliant, with concrete work to be done using local contractors where possible. Vote all aye.

Library upgrades for both the High School and New Hartford were approved on motion of Lotts and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

On motion of Nielsen, permission was given to seek bids for a new school bus. Second by Koop. Vote all aye.

Repair bids for the boiler at the Dike bus barn were not approved at this point in order to research costs for electric heat.

The Grundy Register was named the official school newspaper for Dike-New Hartford on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

The Bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition Funds were approved for payment on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Financial Reports of the General, Activity and Nutrition Funds were approved as presented on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

The dissolution process for Gladbrook-Reinbeck is moving forward again but a timeline has not yet been established. The DNH board plans to respond to a letter from the Gladbrook-Reinbeck Dissolution Committee showing support for their plan as presented.

The regular June meeting will be on June 12 instead of June 19.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. followed by an exempt session under Iowa Code 20.17(3).



Attention Seniors

Reminder: Seniors need to submit 2 vertical pictures (no hats, please) and a baby picture to Mrs. Petri ASAP for the yearbook.

Menu subject to change without notice.

DIKE-NEW HARTFORD

LUNCH FEBRUARY 2017

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	30-Jan	31-Jan	1	2	3
High School Entrée Options	French Toast & Omelet or Breakfast Pizza	BBQ Chicken Sandwich or Cheeseburger	Chili or Macaroni & Cheese	Hot Ham & Cheese or Tenderloin on a Bun	NO SCHOOL
Deli Ham Sandwich or Chef Salad	Hashbrown Baked Beans Orange Juice	Corn Smile Potatoes Mixed Fruit	Broccoli Baked Potato Cinnamon Roll Mandarin Oranges	Glazed Carrots French Fries Pineapple Tidbits	
	6	7	8	9	10
High School Entrée Options	Popcorn Chicken/Breadstick or Crispito	Mr Rib on a Bun or Meatball Sub	Chicken & Noodles or Tomato Soup	Taco/Taco Salad or Corn Dog	French Bread Pizza or Cheesy Breadstick/Marinara
Deli Turkey Sandwich or Chef Salad	Carrots Mashed Potatoes Applesauce	Tater Tots Baked Beans Pears	Green Beans Dinner Roll Mandarin Oranges	Spanish Rice Corn Juice	Broccoli Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit Rice Krispie Treat
	13	14	15	16	17
High School Entrée Options	Baked Chicken	Valentines Chicken Shape or Shrimp Poppers	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Chicken Alfredo	Cheese Quesadilla or Calzone	Tenderloin on a Bun or Cheeseburger
Deli Ham Sandwich or Chef Salad	Cheesy Broccoli Seasoned Noodles Heart Cookie Peach Slices	Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Breadstick Jello Cake Pineapple Tidbits	Garlic Toast Green Beans Jello Cup Applesauce	Spanish Rice Corn Cinnamon Churro Mandarin Oranges	Potato Wedges Baked Beans Ice Cream Cup Pears

<p>High School Entrée Options</p> <p>Deli Turkey Sandwich or Chef Salad</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Corn Dog or Chicken & Waffle Bites</p> <p>Glazed Carrots Chips</p> <p>Cinnamon Applesauce</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Breakfast Sandwich or Italian Chicken on a Bun</p> <p>Hashbrown Baked Beans Juice</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Italian Pasta Bake or Scalloped Potatoes & Ham</p> <p>Garlic Breadstick Green Beans Peaches</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Sandwich or Spicy Chicken Sandwich</p> <p>French Fries Cheesy Broccoli Pears</p> <p>Chocolate Chip Cookie</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Taco Pizza or Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Corn Fiesta Rice Mandarin Oranges</p>
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<p>High School Entrée Options</p> <p>Deli Ham Sandwich or Chef Salad</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets or Ham & Cheese Bites</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Seasoned Noodles Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pizza Burger or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Pears Royal Brownie</p>	<p>1-Mar</p> <p>Lasagna Roll Up or Potato Soup</p> <p>Green Beans Garlic Toast Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>2-Mar</p> <p>Chicken Fajita or Cheesy Breadstick/Marinara</p> <p>Seasoned Tots Corn Peaches</p>	<p>3-Mar</p> <p>Fish Patty on a Bun or Chicken Sandwich</p> <p>Broccoli Chips Pineapple Tidbits</p>
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DIKE-NEW HARTFORD BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 2017

Breakfast served from 7:45 - 8:10

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

For a complete Breakfast you can have up to 4 items. Start with a fruit or juice then add a milk or other options.

The following are offered daily:

Fresh Fruit Variety of Cereal Yogurt Fruit Cup Various Fruit Juices Cereal Bar

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Main entrees count as 2 items			1 HAM/EGG/CHEESE CROISSANT	2 BREAKFAST BITES	3 NO SCHOOL
Main entrees count as 2 items	6 LONG JOHN	7 BREAKFAST PIZZA	8 WAFFLE	9 BREAKFAST SANDWICH	10 SLIDERS
Main entrees count as 2 items	13 PANCAKES	14 MINI DONUTS	15 HAM/EGG/CHEESE CROISSANT	16 BREAKFAST BURRITO	17 BREAKFAST BOAT
Main entrees count as 2 items	20 SAUSAGE/PANCAKE ON A STICK	21 BISCUITS/GRAVY	22 BREAKFAST WRAP	23 BREAKFAST BAR	24 LONG JOHN
Main entrees count as 2 items	27 BREAKFAST SLIDERS	28 BREAKFAST PIZZA	1-Mar WAFFLE	2-Mar BREAKFAST SANDWICH	3-Mar BREAKFAST BITES

February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1 6:30p DFS Mtg @ HS Library	2 4p BB Sum-Fred @ Dike Senior Parents Night 10p HS Winter Dance 4:15p JH BB B-AGWSR/G-NH 4:15p JH WR @ Denver	3 NO SCHOOL 4p BB @ Union, LaPorte City	4 12 noon WR Sectionals @ Dike Meistersinger Honor Band @ Wartburg 8a State Lg. Group Speech @ Dubuque Senior HS	
5 Meistersinger Honor Band @ Wartburg	6 6:15p G-BB W.Marshall@StateCenter Drivers Ed. Begins	7 6p WR Team Dual Regionals @ Dike 5p B-BB Columbus @ NH	8 EARLY DISMISSAL	9 5p B-BB S.Hardin @ Dike	10	11 12p WR Districts @ Hudson 7p G-BB 1st Rd Regionals @ Clear Lake	
12	13 B-BB Districts 1st Rd Track Practice Begins	14 7p 6-12 Band & Vocal Concert VALENTINES DAY	15 WR State Duals 7p G-BB 2nd Rd Reg @ Clear Lake	16 WR State B-BB Districts 2nd Rd	17	18 WR State 8a All State Lg. Group Speech @ ISU 7p G-BB 3rd Rd Regional Finals	
19	20 7p Board Meeting 6p DEFO	21 7p B-BB District Final	22 EARLY DISMISSAL	23	24 End of 2nd Trimester	25 8a District Ind Speech @ AGWSR 7p B-BB Sub-State Final	
26	27 6p Cabaret Dress Rehearsal G-BB State	28 3p B-Track @ Wartburg 6p Cabaret Dress Rehearsal G-BB State					

FEBRUARY

PLEASE CHECK FOR TIMES ON THE ONLINE CALENDAR